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SUBJECT: NIV FRAUD

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH OUR INVESTIGATION OF COUNTERFIET TRAVEL DOCUMENT/VISA RING ALLEGEDLY BEING RN BY EX-HNK POLICEMAN NOW RESIDENT TAIWAN, WE HAD OPPORTUNITY DEC 2, TO BRIEFLY INSPECT BOGUS ROC PASSPORT WHICH IS REPORTEDLY SAMPLE OF THOSE PRESENTLY BEING TURNED OUT BY RING. THESE PPTS PRESUMABLY CAN BE VISAED WITH COUNTERFIET CONGEN HONG KONG B-W TWO ENTRY VISAS IDENTICAL TO THOSE RECENTLY INTERCEPTED BY INS HONOLULU. WE BELIEVE SUCH ROC PASSPORTS WILL MAKE UP MAJORITY OF THESE 175 TO 250 TRAVEL DOCUMENTS REPORTEDLY BEING PREPARED FOR GROUP FOCHOW CHINESE IN HONG KONG SEEKING ILLEGAL ENTRY U.S.

2. BASIC IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS BOGUS ROC PASSPORTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) COVER HAS GLOSSY SHINE UNLIKE DULL FINISH FOUND ON MOST ROC PPTS OF RECENT ISSUE.

(B) ONE AND HALF INCH SQUARE RED CHOP (PRINTED SEAL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY) INSIDE FRONT COVER HAS FADED BORDER WHICH GIVES IT ALMOST PINKISH HUE UNLIKE BORDER AUTHENTIC SEAL WHICH HAS DEEPTER RED COLOR AND MORE SOLID LOOKING. (WE BELIEVE BORDER, WHICH IS 3/16THS OF INCH WIDE, MOST READILY IDENTIFIABLY DEFECT OF BOGUS PPT).

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(C) SIGNATURE OF CHIEF PASSPORT SECTION FOUND BOTTOM OF

PAGE TWO APPEARED SLIGHTLY SMUDGED AND HIS TITLE IN BLUE INKED HAND STAMP NOT PRINTED AS IN MOST PASSPORTS OF RECENT ISSUE.

(D) DATA ON PAGE THREE DONE IN BLACK PEN NOT TYPED. ISSUE AND EXPIRATION DATES, HOWEVER, WERE MADE BY BLUE INKED HAND STAMP AS WERE WORDS "TAIPEI" AND "ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS" FOUND ON PAGE FOUR.

(E) ISSUE DATE OF BOGUS PPT INSPECTED WAS DECEMBER 2, 1975. PASSPORTS REPORTEDLY NOW BEING PREPARED, THEREFORE, MAY HAVE ISSUE DATE IN SAME GENERAL TIME FRAME.

(F) PAPER APPEARED TO BE SOFTER AND DID NOT AUDIBLY "SNAP" WHEN CRINKLED AS WITH REAL ROC PPTS. COLOR OF PAPER APPEARED SLIGHTLY MORE BLUE IN COLOR THAN TYPICAL ROC PPTS SEEN HERE.

3. REQUEST INS/OINT PASS ABOVE INFORMATION ALL WESTCOASTS OIC'S SOONEST. BEARERS OF PPTS WITH ABOVE IDENTIFYING FEATURES WHICH CONTAIN HONG KONG B-2 VISAS SHOULD BE INSPECTED CLOSELY. CROSS

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